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# NEWS RELEASE

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\*\*\*\*\* Update \*\*\*\*\*

– Names and additional details provided

For details of the crash see the original news release below.

The name of the bicyclist is Clark Henry. Henry is 76 years old and known in the bicyclist community as an active rider and racer. His condition is listed as stable and he remains hospitalized. Henry was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident and according to a trauma nurse, it most likely saved his life.

The driver of the minivan is Leslie Solomon. Solomon was cited today for Failure to obey a traffic control device (ORS 811.265). Solomon had a flashing yellow light and should have yielded to oncoming traffic.

## Bicyclist Struck by Car

On August 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:02am Beaverton Police were called to a report of a vehicle striking a bicyclist at the intersection of SW Allen and SW Western. Police arrived on scene and found a 73 year old male had been riding his bike through the intersection when he was struck by a minivan. The male was treated for injuries at the scene and then transported via ambulance to an area hospital.

Police determined that the driver of the vehicle, a 40 year old female, was traveling east on SW Allen and turning north onto SW Western. The driver had a flashing yellow light at the time she was making the turn and did not see the bicyclist. The bicyclist was traveling west on SW Allen on the north side of the street in a designated bike lane and was struck as he passed through the intersection. The minivan struck the bicyclist with the right front corner, causing the bicyclist to roll onto the hood and strike the windshield.

The driver of the vehicle said she did not see the bicyclist because the sun was in her eyes. Officers determined that the driver was not impaired.

The bicyclist suffered broken ribs and a collapsed lung. He is undergoing further tests to determine additional injuries, but is described as stabilized at this time. There are no further details on his injuries or current medical condition.

The names of the driver and bicyclist are being withheld as the investigation continues. There have been no citations issued at this time. The issuance of any citations is pending the outcome of the investigation.